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one of said departments, shall assume or discharge the 10 Md 478. duties of any other.

- ART. 9. That no power of suspending laws, or the exe- Suspension of cution of laws, unless by or derived from the Legislature, ought to be exercised or allowed.
- ART. 10. That freedom of speech and debate or pro- Freedom of ceedings in the Legislature, ought not to be impeached in any court of judicature.
- ART. 11. That Annapolis be the place for the meeting Seat of Governof the Legislature'; and the Legislature ought not to be convened or held at any other place but from evident necessity.
- ART. 12. That for the redress of grievances, and for Meeting of Legisamending, strengthening and preserving the laws, the Legislature ought to be frequently convened.
- ART. 13. That every man hath a right to petition the Right of Polition. Legislature for the redress of grievances in a peaceable and orderly manner.
- ART. 14. That no aid, charge, tax, burthen, or fees, Levying of Taxes. ought to be rated or levied, under any pretence, without the consent of the Legislature.
- ART 15. That the levying of taxes by the poll is griev- Poll Taxes oppressous and oppressive, and ought to be prohibited; that paupers ought not to be assessed for the support of the Paupers not to be Government, but every other person in the State, or person holding property therein, ought to contribute his proportion of public taxes, for the support of Government, according Taxation accordto his actual worth in real or personal property; yet fines, worth the sor taxes may properly and included the sort taxes are sorted to the sorted taxes are sorted to taxes are sorted to the sorted taxes are sorted to t duties, or taxes may properly and justly be imposed or laid, 7 MI 1. with a political view, for the good government and benefit 18 Md. 1. of the community.

- ART. 16. That sanguinary laws ought to be avoided as sanguinary Laws. far as it is consistent with the safety of the State; and no law to inflict cruel and unusual pains and penalties ought to be made in any case, or at any time hereafter.
- ART. 17. That retrospective laws, punishing acts com- Retrospective mitted before the existence of such laws, and by them only 8 Md. 551. declared criminal, are oppressive, unjust and incompatible 10 Md 129.